



WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19th June 2014 at 7.30pm in the Old Grammar School, Whalley.

Present: Councillor M Highton (Chair)
Councillor J Brown
Councillor S Barker
Councillor J Smith
Councillor I Kent
Councillor D Sleight
Councillor E Ronnan
Councillor S Earnshaw

Apologies: Councillor N Ford

Members of the public – 1

In Attendance: F Holland – Clerk to Whalley Parish Council

710/14 to receive declaration of interests

No declaration of interests were received

711/14 to approve as correct the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th May 2014

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th May 2014 are approved as a correct record of the meeting.

712/14 to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion (information only)

Mr Brown commented on the recently constructed entrance to the Lawsonstead site development. He was strongly of the opinion that site chosen was particularly dangerous due to close proximity to the road junction.

713/14 to receive minutes of other Committees

The minutes of the Planning Committee of the 15th May 2014 and Whalley and Wiswell Joint Burial Committee of 4th April 2014 were presented to the meeting.

714/14 to receive reports of Councillors from other committees (information only)

Cllr Kent stated that the Church Yard committee would meet on 23rd July to consider quotations for work on the walls; to prioritise work on the trees and consider a conservation plan. He has met with Elizabeth Johnson, a planning officer and members of Save Whalley Village to provide information regarding the possibility of a neighbourhood plan. Information has also been sent to adjacent parishes. Vegetation is being cleared on Whalley Moor. Concern has been expressed regarding the legality of the TROs for the 20mph limits in the village and the yellow zig-zag markings outside the school gates.

Cllr Ronnan stated the Grounds and Gardens committee would meet on 3rd July. He was able to report that the recent Open Day at Whalley Old Grammar School was a great success and the trustees thanked all volunteers, participants and traders.

Cllr Brown stated that the Adam Cottam Trust meeting will take place on 4th July. She attended a meeting of the Village Partnership which included members of the Chamber of Trade and RVBC officers. Discussion took place on a number of issues such as roundabout renewal and the possibility of introducing 2 hour waiting restriction to parking on King St.

Cllr Smith expressed concerns regarding the Lawsonsteads development and the consequent impact of flash floods in Whalley. He stressed the need for empirical evidence that would register any adverse impact.

Cllr Earnshaw reported that procedures to ensure accurate placement of reserved plots at the burial ground are in place; the re-cycling of green waste has proved to be problematic; discussion is on-going regarding the construction of a drainage system throughout the burial ground; She added that the next meeting of the Joint Burial Committee was on 1st August and Save Whalley Village AGM would be on 23rd July.

Cllr Barker requested that RVBC be contacted regarding the availability of a dog bin on Brookes Lane after a number of disgusting incidents recently in that vicinity.

Cllr Highton attended the Parish Council Liaison committee meeting which included information regarding a “Lights Out” initiative to commemorate WWI. He was of the opinion that the QEII lease be circulated to members of the committee and that the parish council asset register should have on record the playing fields.

715/14 to authorise the accounts for payments, receipts and balances for May 2014

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payments and receipts presented for May 2014.

716/14 to consider an update from the Ribble Valley Community Strategy

Cllr Highton provided feedback on the meeting of the RV Community Strategy which is a working group which has identified areas such as housing, community safety, education, local democracy etc for investigation.

717/14 to receive an update on actions by the parish council in response to the Ribble Valley Core Strategy

It was resolved that the parish council would emphasise that the previous response still stands; the housing quota for Whalley has already been exceeded and that Calderstones, specified as a tier 2 settlement, is indeed within the Whalley parish boundary.

718/14 to receive the Clerks Report (information only)

Additional information:

The June Parish Council newsletter was reviewed

LCC Highways gave consideration to the request for mirrors on Station Road/Mitton Road and an engineer is to visit the site; LCC are in the process of consultation regarding the reduction of bus subsidies.

RVBC have in place from 1st August a number of dog control orders.

719/14 to receive Borough Councillors Report (information only)

No Borough Councillor was in attendance

720/14 to consider and approve the date of the next meeting of the parish council as Thursday July 17th 2014

It was resolved that the next meeting of the parish council will be held on Thursday 17th July 2014 at 7.30pm at the Old Grammar School Community Centre

The meeting closed at 9.07 pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____